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City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 | **10:00 AM** | **Virtual Meeting**

For consideration by the City Building Committee on October 26, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, K. Aylwin at 10:04 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Councillor K. Aylwin
Councillor A. Kungl
E. Jacoby-Hawkins
E. vanWesenbeeck
J. Northcote
K. Patterson-McGrath
S. Diaz - SMDHU
A. Pelan

Absent: 2 - M. Kavanagh
W. Steimle

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Infrastructure Planning Engineer, B. Gratrix
Manager of Parks and Forestry, K. Bradley
Supervisor of Urban Forestry and Natural Areas Stewardship, K. Rankin
Transit Operations Planner, M. McConnell.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

CROMPTON PARK UPDATE

The Committee agreed to move this matter to the next meeting.

CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON HURONIA ROAD

Eric vanWesenbeeck cited notable safety concerns for cyclists and pedestrians on Huronia Road, between Little Avenue and Big Bay Point Road. He questioned whether there could be any remediations or warning signs to those area to prevent accidents. Mr. vanWesenbeeck advised that the maximum posted speed limit is 60 km/h and the average vehicular traffic speed is 70km/hr to 75km/hr.

Brett Gratrix, Infrastructure Planning Engineer provided information associated to the Huronia Road area have been identified for an environmental assessment update for active transportation improvements and will be investigated if an immediate interim solution or full reconstruction is required. He displayed a map illustrating the safest cycling routes through the northern area of Barrie. Mr. Gratrix advised he would pass along the concerns to the Operations Department.

The Committee discussed several ideas for active transportation improvements such as lane width, interim improvements, and the lowering of the speed limit.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON HURONIA ROAD

That staff in the Development Services, Infrastructure, and Operations Departments investigate the feasibility of lowering the speed limit on Huronia Road, between Little Avenue and Big Bay Point Road, from 60km/hr to 50km/hr, and opportunities in consideration of the future plan capital works that would be cost effective to enhance active transportation safety for cyclists and pedestrians and including, but not limited to, enhance shoulders and line painting, and report back to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2021.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

PEDESTRIAN CROSSOVERS - MAPLEVIEW DRIVE AND BELL FARM ROAD

Kelly Patterson-McGrath discussed the pedestrian crossovers at Bayview Drive and Bell Farm Road. She questioned what is meant by the data collected, in what way are the locations chosen, and where to provide feedback and public input.

Mr. Gratrix advised that an environmental assessment completed was the rational behind the Bell Farm Road location, due to its sidewalks, intersection, and property constraints. He further clarified that, in looking at it City-wide and the data collection, Traffic Services would be better suited for address questions.

Councillor, K. Aylwin advised he will contact the Traffic Services Branch and report back to the Committee.

WATERFRONT WAYFINDING PROJECT

Kevin Bradley, Manager of Parks and Forestry advised that he spoke with staff in the Economic and Creative Development Department to inquire Waterfront Wayfinding Project was in connection with a project they are currently working on regarding a type of wayfinding study and identifying routes to get to the waterfront from different entry points into the City. He advised he had no updates for this matter and that he will provide an update once he has further information.

Kelly Patterson-McGrath clarified that this item was to add understanding of how it connects to the waterfront, how everything is connected, the signage being created and the way they are placed, the mapping, and how it is all being viewed.

Members of the Committee and City staff had further discussions on wayfinding and QR Codes and provided input on the matter.

FEDERAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUND

Kelly Patterson-McGrath discussed her understanding that there was funding expected to be available in July, 2021 and was unsure if it had been released. Ms. Patterson-McGrath sought clarification if there was a specific project where the funding could be used within the items listed on the agenda.

Brett Gratrix advised that the City's standard practice is to review all grant funding opportunities as they come out and see if they can be applied to current projects, as opposed to introducing new projects. Mr. Gratrix noted that applications for funding are not available, at this time.

LINE PAINTING SIZING FOR CYCLING LANES - 100mm vs 200mm

Kelly Patterson-McGrath questioned how long the smaller printed lines last when compared to the bigger lines in weight. She advised that some of the smaller lines that were recently painted have already started to fade. Ms. Kelly Patterson-McGrath commented that the purpose of this item is to aspire for larger, thicker lines with more weight and last longer, rather than repainting the smaller lines often.

Brett Gratrix provided clarification on the reasoning for the 100mm versus the 200mm painted lines and the re-painting of the lines with waterborne paint yearly.

The Committee discussed education and outreach about painted lines, provided input and possible solutions for the pavement line markings, and the possibility of creating an education subcommittee. They agreed to appoint Kelly Patterson-McGrath as the lead to the subcommittee.

The Committee discussed options to assist City staff with active

transportation initiatives throughout the City. The Committee agreed to requesting staff to investigate the possibility of an Active Transportation Planner.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "D"

INVESTIGATION - ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the feasibility of creating of an Active Transportation Planner position to assist with the City's active transportation initiatives and report back to the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to City Building Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 10/26/2021.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

CITY-WIDE WAYFINDING SIGNAGE STRATEGY/POTENTIAL FOR QR CODES TO PROMOTE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

The Committee discussed this matter as part of the discussion on the Waterfront Wayfinding Project and no further discussion was received.

CREATION OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MAP

Councillor, K. Aylwin shared a map created by The Collingwood Climate Action Team, illustrating rings to educate on Collingwood's active transportation 15-minute walking or cycling to and from their downtown core. The Committee suggested that the map was a good idea for the City of Barrie to provide education on locations and routes to the waterfront and possibly creating partnerships with other organizations.

Kevin Bradley, Manager of Parks and Forestry discussed the goals and objectives of the Wayfinding Project lead by the Economic and Creative Development Department. He noted that in consultation with the BIA, and the intent of the project to the information indicated on the map.

The Committee agreed to invite Robb MacDonald, Tourism Coordinator, Small Business Centre of the Economic and Creative Development Department to the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

CHAIRMAN